

# Special Vision and Goals Issue

Master Planning for Governor Thompson State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest has entered the Vision and Goals stage. In this special issue of *Master Planning News* we are presenting you with some sample Vision and Goal Statements. The Vision and Goals for a master plan help set the stage for later phases of planning. We are beginning to zero-in on the real issues that will determine what the State Park and State Forest will be like in the future. We have drafted these proposed statements as a way to "get the ball rolling" for discussion with the public. The planning team members have put in a lot of time

and discussion to develop these proposed Vision and Goal Statements. Now, we need your help. Please take some time and read through the Visions and Goals for both properties. Do they describe the State Park and the State Forest you envision? If they do, that's great. Let us know. If there are parts (or all) of the statements you disagree with, or ideas you think should be added we want to hear about that from you, too. Your opinion is extremely important to the future of Governor Thompson State Park and Peshtigo River State Forest.

## Why are these Visions and Goals important and where did they come from?

Visions and Goals are cornerstones of a master plan. The Vision states the property's overall purpose and is consistent with statutes, DNR Board policies, DNR strategic goals and other guidance. Goals define in general terms, future outcomes or conditions that will transform the Vision into reality. We began by asking experts in forestry, experts in state parks, master planning experts, and the Upper Green Bay Basin Partnership Team to spell out their visions and goals for the properties. When the results were compared, there were some striking similarities, even though the wording was somewhat different. These common themes came through:



- The public will derive certain benefits, uses or products from the resources.
- The site resources are of high quality and should be preserved and protected.
- The resources should be held in trust for present and future generations.
- Public use of resources and preservation of resources must be appropriately balanced.
- Developed facilities should have a rustic theme in keeping with the Northwoods atmosphere.

**The Vision and Goals we decide on together will each reflect one or more of the above.**

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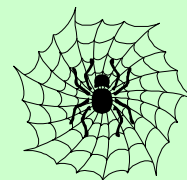
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